DRAFT CLAIMS

13. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine system comprising: at least two gaming machines linked together, said gaming machines linked to an interactive sign;

said interactive sign comprising an LCD screen;

said LCD screen displaying a bonusing event that players can enter in; wherein players playing said linked gaming machines who enter said bonusing event <u>and</u> compete against each other <u>by playing a game</u> on said interactive sign.

- 28. (New) The gaming machine system of claim 13 wherein said bonusing event comprises a different game than game played on said gaming machines.
- 29. (New) The gaming machine system of claim 13 wherein players playing at least two gaming machines enter said bonusing event during same play.
- 30. (New) The gaming machine system of claim 13 wherein said gaming machines are selected from the group consisting of slot machines, video poker, video bingo and video keno.
- 31. (New) The gaming machine system of claim 13 wherein players playing more than one of said linked gaming machines enter said bonusing event at same time.